

**ATTACHMENT B**  
**Amendments to the Claims**

Please cancel claims 2 and 9 without prejudice or disclaimer.

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

1. (Currently Amended) A method of preparing a trace element solution, said method consisting essentially of the steps of:

(a) preparing a single solution comprising more than one EDTA-complex as a sodium salt in a single continuous process by suspending either disodium EDTA in water or suspending EDTA acid in water with sodium hydroxide, and adding a metal compound selected from the group consisting of metal oxides, metal hydroxides and metal carbonates to the EDTA solution to form the EDTA-complex; and

(b) providing ~~adding~~ sodium selenite to the solution of EDTA-complexes to form the trace element solution.

2. (Canceled)

3. (Currently Amended) A method as claimed in claim 1, in which the EDTA-complexes comprise at least one of the metal cation components selected from the group consisting of copper, manganese, zinc, molybdenum and chromium.

4. (Original) A trace element solution as prepared by a method as claimed in claim 1.

5. (Original) A trace element solution as claimed in claim 4, which is an injectable solution.
6. (Original) A trace element solution as claimed in claim 4, which is a drenchable solution.
7. (Original) A stock lick, which comprises a trace element solution as prepared by a method as claimed in claim 1.
8. (Original) A method of providing trace elements to animals, such as livestock, which comprises the steps of preparing a trace element solution as claimed in claim 1, and of providing the solution in a suitable quantity to an animal.
9. (Canceled)